

AMENDMENTS

In the Specification:

At page 6, line 3, after "Ficoll®" add:

(high mass polysaccharide that dissolves in aqueous solutions);

At page 6, line 3, delete "Percoll" and add:

Percoll®, (medium containing colloidal silica particles coated with polyvinylpyrrolidone);

At page 14, in the first line of the second paragraph, after the word "order" add:

to;

At page 15, in the second line of the second paragraph, after "marker-positive" add:

cells;

At page 15, in the sixth line of the second paragraph, after "marker-positive" add:

cells;

At page 17, in the seventh line of the third paragraph, after "(Leucosep®" add:

(centrifugation vessel containing a porous barrier);

At page 18, line 4, delete "High Pure" and replace it with:

High Pure®;

At page 18, line 8, delete "LightCycler" and replace it with:

LightCycler® (real time PCR system);

At page 19, in the fourth line of the first full paragraph, delete "Monovette" and replace it with:

Monovette® (a blood collection tube);

At page 20, in the 11th line of the second paragraph, delete “Sysmex SE-9000” and replace it with Sysmex SE-9000®;

At page 22, in the fourth line of the second paragraph, delete “Pure” and replace it with Pure®;

At page 22, in the 7th line of the second paragraph, delete “One” and replace it with One®;

At page 22, in the 15th line of the second paragraph, delete “Various-V” and replace it with Various-V®;

At page 23, in the 10th line of the second paragraph, delete “LightCycler” and replace it with LightCycler®;

At page 24, in Table 1, in the first row, third column, delete “Ficoll” and replace it with Ficoll®.

At page 24, in Table 1, in the first row, fifth column, delete “Oncoquick” and replace it with Oncoquick®;

At page 29, in the second line of the second paragraph, delete “bond” and replace it with bone;

At page 30, in the 9th line of the first paragraph, delete “OncoQuick” and replace it with OncoQuick®;

At page 30, in the 10th line of the first paragraph, delete “Ficoll” and replace it with Ficoll®.